

A SWEDISH SPY FOR RED MONEY

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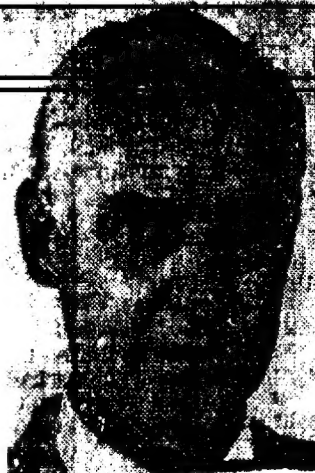
The worst espionage case in Sweden's history exploded yesterday with the announcement that a Swedish Air Force colonel was under arrest, accused of spying for the Russians since 1948. His two Soviet contacts in Stockholm were ordered expelled.

Col. Stig Wennerstrom—who was Swedish air attache in Washington from 1952 to 1957—has confessed to selling military secrets of his own country and of other countries, including the United States.

Wennerstrom has told Swedish authorities he spied "for money" and had no accomplices. He is charged specifically with photographing secret documents and handing the films to contacts at Soviet Embassy receptions.

Reaction in this traditionally neutral nation to the spy scandal was so vehement yesterday that there was speculation that Soviet Premier Khrushchev may be forced to cancel a forthcoming visit here.

Wennerstrom, who is 56, began his career as a Navy officer but in 1938 transferred to the Air Force. He served



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Col. Stig Erik Wennerstrom

twice in Moscow—first as assistant air attache from 1940 to 1941, and again as air attache from 1949 to 1952. He was then sent to Washington. Upon his return to Stockholm he served in the Defense Ministry until the autumn of 1961, and has since been an adviser to the Foreign Ministry on disarmament.

Wennerstrom has been decorated by the American, French and Mexican governments and is a knight of two of Sweden's most distinguished orders—the Order of the Sword and the Order of Vasa.

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